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Girls' certified schools attached to the Madras Children's Aid Society.

* 112 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Mrs. M. N. Clubwalla) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state when the Junior and Senior Girls' Certified Schools attached to the Madras Children's Aid Society evacuated to Tanjore in 1942 will be brought back to Madras?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The schools will be brought back to Madras as soon as the Civil Supplies Department releases the rice godown which is right in the centre of the compound in which the schools were originally accommodated or when suitable alternative accommodation is found for those schools, whichever is earlier."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether Government will take steps to expedite the transfer by finding suitable accommodation?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I will try my best to do so because I have been told that the place where the school is situate is cramped and what is more the girls do not like the climate of Tanjore and so it is up to us to see that they come back here. Of course there is also the difficulty concerning the Civil Supplies as well."

Alleged supplies to Revenue officials.

* 113 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Revenue officials touring in districts get supplies from the lower Revenue officials, such as Revenue Inspectors, etc.;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the cost of supplies is not fully paid up, but a nominal bill is prepared and that alone is paid;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that these officials get their travelling allowances and halting allowances in addition to their salaries and dearness allowances;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the generality of the Revenue Inspectors shift this burden on the village officers who in their turn press the poorer class of the ryots in the village for payment; and

(*e*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Some touring officials make their own arrangements for obtaining provisions without depending on the village officers or lower Revenue officials; others however may indent on their subordinates for supplies where they are not procurable in the open market.

" (*b*) Under the existing rules, every Government officer obtaining the assistance of the village headmen for supplies is required to see that the bill for supplies is paid in full before he leaves the camp.

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"The Government have reasons to apprehend however that these rules are not being always followed and some evil exists. In the absence of actual complaints, however, it is difficult to take definite steps to stop the evil.

"(*c*) Gazetted Revenue officers touring within their jurisdictions are entitled to travelling allowance and daily allowance at rates admissible to them under the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules. Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and Revenue Inspectors whose work involves touring within their respective jurisdiction are allowed fixed rates of travelling allowance. The travelling allowance and daily allowance paid to the touring revenue officials are in addition to the salary and other allowances due to them.

"(*d*) No such cases have been brought to the notice of Government.

"(*e*) The whole matter is under consideration of Government."

Sri C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that similar practice exists in every department of Government. The officer makes a tour in the mufassal and they depend upon the subordinates to supply to them. It is a patent fact; if the Government are not aware of it, will they at least hold an enquiry and find out the truth?"

The Hon. Sri M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—"Perhaps it is so. I have only answered that we have no specific cases before us. I have already stated that Government are aware of the general complaint and we are looking into the matter."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, why in some cases fixed travelling allowances are given while in other cases the travelling allowance is given according to the Travelling Allowance Rules?"

The Hon. Sri M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—"I would like to have notice of that question."

Sri THURAGA PURUSHOTTAM :—"May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that regular supplies of all requirements including snuff, is being obtained by some gazetted officers of the Public Works Department?"

The Hon. Sri M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—"I take the information from the hon. Member."

New railway lines in Nellore.

* 114 *Q.*—Sri L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government propose to take necessary steps with the Government of India to speed up the proposed railway lines in the Nellore district, i.e., Nellore to Vinikonda via Atmakur, Kanigiri and Nellore to Dharmavaram via Badvel, Cuddapah?